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		Examiner Name	Geoffrey S. Evans
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Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
1001	2001	385	Utility filing fee
1002	2002	170	Design filing fee
1003	2003	265	Plant filing fee
1004	2004	385	Reissue filing fee
1005	2005	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 0)	

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	-20 **	=	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-3 **	=	0	X	0
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1053	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination
1804	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month
1253	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month
1254	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month
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1401	2401	165	Notice of Appeal
1402	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	2403	145	Request for oral hearing
1451	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	2453	665	Petition to revive – unintentional
1501	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	2502	240	Design issue fee
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Application No.: 09/775,069

Filing Date: February 1, 2001

Applicant: Gerard A. Mourou et al.

Group Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: Geoffrey S. Evans

Title: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING CONFIGURATION OF  
LASER INDUCED BREAKDOWN AND ABLATION

Attorney Docket: 2115D-000939/DVD

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B. \_\_\_\_\_ Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form 1449 or on the copies of PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

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D.  This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. If the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

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2.  English translations are provided:
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90/007,102	06/25/2004	1725
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2.  See the certification below. No fee is required.

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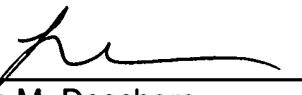
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 28 OCTOBER 04

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Ref. Desig.	Examiner's Initials	Document Number	Date	Name	Class/ Subclass	(If appropriate) Filing Date
1.		5104480	04/14/1992	Wojnarowski, et al.		
2.		5243589	09/1993	Stuke et al.		
3.		5659536	08/19/1997	Maillot, et al.		
4.		RE 37,585	03/19/2002	Mourou, et al.		
5.		2002/0125230	09/12/2002	Haight et al.		

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1.		NONE					

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1.		"Nanosecond and Femtosecond Excimer Ablation of Fused Silica" by Ihlemann et al., Applied Physics A. 54, pages 363-368. December 1992

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